

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1379 - SB 1726**

March 10, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the sentencing judge, clerk, or district attorney general to convert unpaid fines, costs, and litigation taxes to a civil judgment when the defendant's sentence expires. The defendant may perform community service work instead of monetary payment.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant**

**Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000\***

Assumptions:

- Defendants who have not paid fines, costs, and litigation taxes by the end of their sentence are assumed to be unable to pay. Any decrease in state and local revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- Local governments will incur an increase in expenditures for implementing a community service program. This increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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